**TILBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 29 June 2022 in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook, commencing at 8.00p.m.

**PRESENT**  Councillors M Patterson; L Hunter; M Wallis; Mrs S Wilcock and P Wilcock..

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Councillor I Gardener, District Councillor J Gray;C L Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 18 members of the public.

**42/22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**  Councillor Martin Patterson was proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Wilcock and unanimously elected as Chairman

*Councillor Patterson in the Chair*

**43/22 APOLOGIES**  None were received

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**44/22 PUBLIC FORUM**  Mr Martin Page of Browns, the agent for Aragon Homes, was here to present the proposals for development off Church Lane. The Chairman invited him to speak and he explained that the development was in response to the Housing Needs Survey conducted a few years ago and comprised seven dwellings, four of which were ‘affordable’ and three, market value.

Questions were invited and were many. The Chairman explained that no decision would be taken today, but a special meeting to consider the application would be held on 3 August, to which all were invited. Prior to that, the Council proposed holding a ‘Meet the Council’ event in the village hall on 16 July. The plans will be available for inspection on that occasion.

**45/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None were made

**46/22 VICE CHAIRMAN** Council was invited to consider whether or not to elect a Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor P Wilcock that a Vice Chairman be elected and this was agreed. Councillor Sue Wilcock was then proposed as Vice Chairman by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor Wallis. She was unanimously elected.

**47/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Councillor Gardener congratulated those members who had made the presentation on the buffer zones to the County Council and was delighted that they had been successful.

He said that pensioners experiencing difficulties due to the rise in cost of living could apply for support from the County Council through Age UK and the phone number to use is 01223 221929..

He said that the first data from the 2021 Census was being released and it was interesting to note that the population of the County had risen by 57,000 in the past 10 years. That represents a 9.2% increase.

There will be closures of the A1 between Buckden and Wyboston at weekends and evenings between 20 June and 1 August, due to road works.

**48/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** Jonathan Gray said that, following the elections, the District Council was no longer Conservative controlled -for the first time in many years. There are many new members with some, who have only just entered the world of principal councils, being elected as Chairmen of committees.

He said that he had reminded Planning Officers that a decision has yet to be made on the marquee being used for weddings off the B645 towards Dean and it will soon be considered by committee.

*Councillor Gardener left the meeting.*

**49/22 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 13 May 2022 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting subject to the following amendment proposed by the Clerk.

He referred to minute 36/22 regarding the appointment of a representative to the Amenities Committee. Often the Charity Scheme document includes a representative of the Parish Council (the Custodian Trustee) as a member of the Managing Trustees. Although he has not seen the document, he has been assured by the Chairman of the Amenities Committee that there is no such provision in this agreement and the representative from this Council to the Amenities Committee is there by invitation of that Committee and not as of right.

**50/22 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Flood Forum Nothing to report regarding the local situation.
2. Traffic Speeds. Councillor P Wilcock said that the 3rd reactive sign had now been erected, this time in Station Rd.and Councillor Wallis has kindly agreed to change the battery when needed.

Little Lane drainage. Adam Tuke said that a snag had arisen, in that Aragon Homes want a formal legal agreement regarding the dumping of spoil etc on a temporary basis on their land. This could cost about £500 in legal fees. The Clerk said that he would see what he could do.

**51/22 PLANNING**

The following application was received:

22/01004 1a Station Rd, Tilbrook - garage conversion inc replacement of garage door with window.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Wilcock, seconded by Councillor Wallis and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.

**52/22 AMENITIES COMMITTEE** Councillor Sue Wilcock said that she had attended a couple of meetings and it was the Committee’s intention to “future-proof” the village hall. An audio-visual system is to be installed along with TVs with the intention that it will be able to cater more easily for meetings and access is to be made more accessible. The lighting is to be improved and there will be some structural alterations. The Committee would also like the litter bin at the entrance to the field removed as it seems to be used only for dog waste.

The Jubilee celebrations were successful and charging for the car park (overnight stays) together with charges for the hall were agreed.

**53/22 DROP-IN SESSIONS** Sue Wilcock proposed and Mike Wallis seconded the idea of holding regular sessions in the village hall and this was agreed. Councillor Wallis also agreed to hold a leaflet drop to advertise the first event, which will be on 16 July.

**54/22 SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT** It was proposed by Councillor Hunter and seconded by Councillor P Wilcock and agreed that a Facebook account be opened. It was further agreed that just one person would be responsible for posting material onto the page and that would be Councillor Sue Wilcock.

**55/22 CAPALC** The Clerk explained the advantages of membership of CAPALC and it was proposed by Councillor Sue Wilcock, seconded by Councillor Hunter and agreed to seek membership and to pay the subscription of £201.63.

**56/22 TRAINING COURSES** The Clerk reminded members that the way in which to ensure best practise is followed is to attend training courses in the role of a councillor and on specialist subjects, such as planning. Several courses are on offer at present.

**57/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Parish Forum St Ives on 20 July 9, 2022. No-one available to attend.
2. Closures of A1 at Buckden

**58/22 ACCOUNTS**

1. The following were approved for payment -

K & M Lighting streetlight maintenance 30.55

G R Dixon Auditor fee 25.00

Huntingdon DC Fees for contested election 723.38

CAPALC Annual subscription 201.63

**59/22 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

The Chairman mentioned that the grass cutting contractors have missed a couple of areas. The Clerk will inform them.

Councillor Wallis wishes to hang flower baskets on the Tilbrook signs and County Highways permission is required.

**60/22 NEXT MEETING**

It is proposed that the next normal meeting be held on **Wednesday 7 September 2022** and that this will commence at 8pm in the Village Hall, Church Lane, Tilbrook.but a special meeting to discuss planning applications will be held on **Wednesday 3 August commencing at 7pm** in the village hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2210 hours.